

REMARKS

The Office action mailed January 16, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 9-17 were withdrawn from consideration and claims 18-23 were rejected. By this Response, claims 18 and 20 have been amended. Withdrawn claims 9-17 are canceled. Support may be found in the specification and the claims as originally filed. No statutory new matter has been added. Therefore, reconsideration and entry of the claims as amended are respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 18-23 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner deemed that the term "the hydrophilic film" in claim 18 lacks antecedent basis. Claims 18 and 20 have been amended by changing "the hydrophilic film" to "the upper layer". This places all of remaining claims 18-23 in immediate condition for allowance.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are clear and definite and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

Request for Interview

Applicants respectfully request either a telephonic or an in-person interview should there be any remaining issues.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 02-4300**, Attorney Docket No. **033082M201**.

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